PARISH OF BERKSWICH
GOD'S LOVE IN COMMUNITY

News from the Pews
The Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday 11th April, 2021

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Fr Graham's usual day off is Monday
The Parish Office is situated behind Holy Trinity Church and is closed at the current time
Please send all items for next week's News from the Pews to Sue on ssnhatton@gmail.com (or 661767) by the end of Wednesday

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

HT = Holy Trinity Church
ST = St Thomas's Church **AS** = All Saints Church
V = Vicarage **CH** = Community Hall

Sunday 11th April – The Second Sunday of Easter
1030 Holy Eucharist with Hymns (HT and online)
1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus Evening Prayer

Monday 12th April

Tuesday 13th April
1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning

Wednesday 14th April
1400 Online Trinity Ark members group
Chat, song and story
2000 Online service of compline

Thursday 15th April
1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning

Friday 16th April

Saturday 17th April

Sunday 18th April – The Third Sunday of Easter
1030 Holy Eucharist with Hymns (HT and online)
1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus Evening Prayer

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Psalm 139 Exodus 15.1-21 Colossians 1.1-14
Tuesday	Psalm 104 Exodus 15.22-16.10 Colossians 1.15-end
Wed	Psalm 33 Exodus 16.11-end Colossians 2.1-15
Thursday	Psalm 34 Exodus 17 Colossians 2.16-3.11
Friday	Psalm 118 Exodus 18.1-12 Colossians 3.12-4.1
Saturday	Psalm 66 Exodus 18.13-end Colossians 4.2-end

Welcome!

Welcome to you all as we continue to try and meet at this unusual time in the history of our nation and world. We hope that you will join with us in prayer and worship via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube (details http://www.berkswich.org.uk/coronavirus.html)

Sign up for our weekly email newsletter, or see older issues here https://us17.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5991be44ea1b9738d6262c1e2&id=a28b74cdbd

If you wish to make a donation towards the life and work of the Parish, there is an opportunity to do so during the service. Please consider joining the Giving Direct scheme (https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/finance/financegiftaid/financegivingdirect/) or make a one-off donation via JustGiving (https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichparish)

You can follow us on Facebook! To sign up for our weekly email newsletter, please email Fr Graham (graham.adamson@berkswich.org.uk)

Points for Prayer

For the world... Hold before God the quilombos of northern Brazil. These communities of afro-Brazilian people, descendants of escaped slaves, experience severe hardship. Many live on less than £1.45 a day and are subject to increasingly frequent times of drought which makes cultivation of even basic crops extremely hard.

For the church... Please pray for our Episcopal Vicar, Matthew and for his wife Sarah as Matthew prepares for his consecration as Bishop on Wednesday. Ask God to bless them and guide Matthew as he exercises this new ministry.

For our community... Pray for all in our community who are experiencing anxiety as restrictions are eased. May we continue to reach out in love and fellowship to our neighbours who remain isolated or who are nervous about returning to busy places.

For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Barbara, Jane, Sally, Wendy, Jim, Ann, Chloe, Heidi, Vicky, Noah, Mark, Claire, Jim, Phyllis, Alistair, John

…. for the recently departed: Hilda Caswell; Kenneth Saint; Warren Reid; Winifred Lees; David Palmer; Beryl Horne; Ellice Murray; Muriel Lightfoot; Dr. Margaret Peters

+ May they rest in peace and rise in glory

News & Events

Prayer requests - please send to david.clark@berkswich.org.uk or call 07999 596590

Continuing with Finance and Stewardship - Those of you who currently support us through planned giving envelopes or cash on the collection plates may wish to consider giving through the Giving Direct, Direct Debit Scheme , through Standing Order (speak to Julie Morrison, our Gift Aid Officer) or through our newly launched JustGiving page – www.justgiving.com/berkswichparish

Leaving a legacy – Another way of leaving a lasting gift to the Parish is to consider leaving a legacy in your will. Information about why and how you can do that can be found at https://www.churchlegacy.org.uk/

Three Decker Subscriptions - If you are enjoying the digital version of our Parish Magazine, perhaps you might consider making a donation so that we can still continue to publish online. Go to your online weekly newsletter from Fr Graham, and click on the link which is just after the Three Decker link, or visit https://parish-of-berkswich.sumup.link/three-decker-donation Thank you in advance.

Summer Fete 2021 – Advance Notice - Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we do not consider that our traditional date of the 3rd Sunday in June (20th) is achievable this year. Fortunately, Milford Hall Cricket Club has kindly made a later date available to us, so our Fete this year will take place on Sunday 12th September. Please ringfence this date and pray that we shall be able to proceed. Our usual Fete Articles will appear in the Parish Magazine in due course. Any queries, please ring Bob Moore on 664302.

Lockdown anniversary flags are still flying around the Lychgate as part of our community art project. Words of hope and words expressing the pain and loss we have experienced are hung above the gate, with prayer flags flowing from those words along and around the wall. If you would like to be involved, blank flags for you to be able to fill in with a felt-tip pen are available in a box on the lychgate. Please return to the box when completed.

Fundraising Garden Produce Sale –

Green Fingered Gardeners wanted - to grow seedlings and plants for a Garden Produce Sale late May / early June.
Date and Venue to be announced (Covid Regulations permitting)
To register your support and details of plants please email julie@teamtalent.co.uk

Please let Julie know as soon as possible if you can help with this. Thank you.

Join us for an Eastertide Online Coffee Morning next Saturday, 17th April, 10 am until 12 noon as we get together to chat and take part in some fun activities whilst raising funds for the Parish. We have an Easter Quiz planned, a Raffle with a good selection of quality prizes, a gateau, a simnel cake, a two course meal for two, and a flower arrangement and a Dunelm sewing machine to auction. We also have other things for sale such as tomato plants, and our usual array of delicious, freshly made home-made cakes! Hope to see you there! ID 826 7923 9856 pass: 970676

10.00 – Welcome
10.15 – Sale of cakes and raffle tickets
10.30 – Quiz questions
10.45 – Generation game
11.00 – Auction
11.15 – Quiz answers
11.30 – Grand Draw
12.00 - Close

Easter Ducklings – Sue Hodgens wishes to thank all those people who purchased Easter ducklings from her- the total amount raised for church funds is £175.

A big thank you to all readers, singers, flower arrangers, intercessors, musicians, editors, clergy, and all others who played a part in our second Holy Week and Easter Lockdown services. It was a delight to walk together through this key season in our faith, even in these socially distanced circumstances.